

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (original) A trocar assembly comprising:

an obturator defining a longitudinal axis and having first and second ends, a sharpened tip positioned on the first end of the obturator and a hand grip positioned on a second end of the obturator opposite the first end, and a cushioned member positioned on at least one pressure contact surface of the hand grip.

Claim 2 (original) A trocar assembly according to Claim 1, wherein the cushioned member is formed from a thermoplastic elastomer.

Claim 3 (original) A surgical instrument according to Claim 2, wherein the cushioned member is over-molded onto the hand grip.

Claim 4 (original) A trocar assembly according to Claim 1, wherein the cushioned portion is formed from an elastomeric material.

Claim 5 (original) A trocar assembly according to Claim 1, wherein the cushioned member is secured to the hand grip with an adhesive.

Claim 6 (original) A trocar assembly according to Claim 1, wherein the cushioned member is secured to the hand grip by welding.

Claim 7 (original) A trocar assembly according to Claim 1, wherein the cushioned member is formed from a slip resistant material.

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Claim 8 (original) A trocar assembly according to Claim 4, wherein the elastomeric material is selected from the group consisting of isoprene, nitrile and silicon.

Claim 9 (original) A trocar assembly according to Claim 1, wherein the hand grip is formed from a thermoplastic material and the cushioned member is formed from an elastomeric material.

Claim 10 (original) A trocar assembly according to Claim 1, wherein the cushioned member is over-molded onto the hand grip.